

HopeMarket Community Trading Post

Hope Market Community Trading Post Purpose:

The purpose of the Hope Market Community Trading Post is to establish opportunities for the community to utilize the services of consumer operated businesses using a barter system which includes a community currency called "Equal Points."

We have clothes, home furnishings,

Hope Market will be open:

Saturdays from 1-4pm

Tuesdays and Fridays from 12-3pm

electronics, videos, DVD's, skills, services.

Join at the location. There is a \$10 Membership fee – members receive 50 Equal Points which can be used to purchase goods and services within the community.

You can also bring something to trade or sell.



Donors call:

610-270-3685 and ask for Sue Shannon or William Moody and we will arrange for pick up.

Our *Wish List* includes everything ! (except mattresses)

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For more information on services visit our website at:

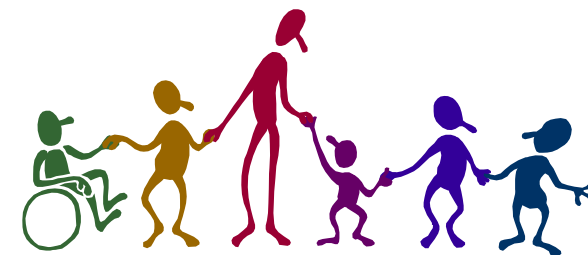
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Mission Statement

The mission of HopeWorx is to promote the continued development of a community environment which supports and believes in the expertise and passion of consumers to create and direct their own paths to health and recovery.



HopeWorx, Inc is:

- * **The Consumer Satisfaction Team**
- * **The Community Advocates**
- * **The Hope Market Community Trading Post**
- * **The Independent Monitoring for Quality (IM4Q)**
- * **The HopeWorx Association**



Services of HopeWorx,

CONSUMER SATISFACTION TEAM OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY (CST):

Mission: The central role of CST is to provide the Montgomery County Office of Behavioral Health with consumer information about satisfaction with the mental health services that adults are receiving and to make recommendations for change.

Phone: 610-270-3685



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

Mission: The mission of Community Advocates of Montgomery County is to help people who have experienced mental illness by providing advocacy services which promote recovery through choice, self-determination and empowerment in collaboration with all community members.

Phone: 610-270-0375



HOPEMARKET COMMUNITY TRADING POST:

Mission: The mission of HopeMarket Community Trading Post is to develop a community in which its members can trade skills and services to help each other, stretch their money with the use of the community Points "Equal Points" to promote development, encourage independence and empower consumers.

Phone: 610-270-3685



INDEPENDENT MONITORING FOR QUALITY (IM4Q):

Mission: The purpose of IM4Q is to collect information to improve the quality of life and outcomes of people who have developmental disabilities.

Phone: 610-705-3521

AN EXPLANATION OF EQUAL POINTS

Equal Points are a way to allow people to barter for things they need so they can stretch their money – they can get some things they need through bartering and then they'll have more US dollars left to buy the things they can't get through barter.

Barter is a type of exchange where we swap goods and services without using money - I give you a loaf of bread and you give me two cabbages. You fix my car and I'll cook you dinner. But you may not like my cooking, or maybe I don't need cabbages. Trying to find things to exchange between two people can be difficult. However, if a group of people in a community decide to get together and trade between themselves, everyone will have more things available to trade and there will be more people who might want the goods and services that are being offered.



So, to get the bartering started, each person joins the Equal Points community. They pay a membership fee and then get, for example, 50 Equal Points to start spending. Each person can find ways to earn Equal Points, either by selling items they have or make, or by offering services. They can then spend the Equal Points on goods and services that other people in the community offer. This allows them to stretch the US dollars they have. So, if people can buy vegetables with Equal Points, then they don't have to use their US dollars to buy them, and they can use those US dollars to buy something else.



Description of HopeWorx Affiliates:

The HopeWorx Association creates an environment which encourages peer support and the development of consumer operated businesses. HopeWorx Association members can also unite to identify and address issues of concern. HopeWorx Association members will be encouraged to join the Equal Points program so that this currency can be used in consumer operated businesses.

The HopeMarket Community Trading Post is a consumer run market; trading donated items of furnishings, clothing, etc. and also providing an opportunity for members to trade their skills and services.

HopeWorx Moving Services provides peer services for moving, including help with planning, packing, moving and setting up the new home. The goal will be to contract for three moves a month.